

K-State Research & Extension

Greenwood County 4-H News

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January

- 1 Extension Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 3 **Enrollment due to the Extension office by 4:30pm for returning 4-H members**
- 4 "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball"
- 11 Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
- 13 Regional Record Books due by 4:30pm to Ext. Office
- 15 "Junk In A Bucket" registration due
- 17 SEA 4-H Record Book Judging in Fredonia, KS
- 20 4-H Council Meeting
- 25 Club Leaders check email for County 4-H Club Day Group presentations sign up (entries due by 4:30pm on Friday, January 31st)

February

- 1 County 4-H Day registration opens on SignUpGenius (entries due by 11:59pm Saturday, February 8th)
- 7 Fair Theme Ideas due to Extension Office
- 15 County 4-H Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 16-17 CIA (registration deadline is January 24th)
- 22 County 4-H Club Day Snow Date
- 22-23 Horse Panorama - Rock Springs 4-H Camp

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due online
- 1 Kansas Jr. Swine Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 2 4-H Project Learning Day - Memorial Hall
- 20 YQCA Training, 6:30pm @ Courthouse
- 21 Beef Weigh-In - Luthi's Ranch - Noon to 5 pm
- 22 KSU Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 22 Regional Club Day @ Madison High School

April

- 1 Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
- 22 YQCA Training, 6:30 pm @ Courthouse
- 26 Small Animal Weigh-In
- 27 Flint Hills Classic

Record Book Goal Setting

It's never too early to start thinking about Record Books and setting project goals for the year! Find a helpful document [HERE](#) to start planning your goals for the year.

Horse ID Papers

Updated for 2025. Registration papers are no longer accepted as forms of ID. Please contact 620-583-7455 or benjam63@ksu.edu with questions.

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging

The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held in Fredonia this year on Friday, January 17th from 9am - 3pm (record books are due at the Extension office by the 4:30pm on Monday, January 13th). If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office. Reference the following link for more information on Regional Project Award Screening: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/regionalscreening.html>

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be at the Rock Springs 4-H Ranch on Saturday & Sunday, February 22-23. Contests include: Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more. Register ASAP. Check the [Panorama webpage](#) for schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

"Junk In A Bucket"

The last page of the December newsletter had the flyer describing the 4-H class for the county fair called "Junk In a Bucket." Entries for this class are **due by Wednesday, January 15th**. All entries will be made through SignUpGenius this year. The link was emailed out on December 15th. Entries are limited to the first 50.

4-H County Club Day

This year's 4-H County Club Day is just ahead on Saturday, February 15th at Hamilton Elementary School. Guidelines were included in the December newsletter relating to how to make entries, times, ages, etc. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits.

You can find more information and a new helpful Club Day guideline document on our website: <https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/gwcoeventsactivities/index.html>

4-H Regional Club Day

Regional Club Days is planned for **Saturday, March 22nd at the Madison High School**. Save the date and start planning for events!

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Saturday, January 4th as the Wildcats take on Texas Tech @ 4 pm. You will be able to pick up your ticket packages from 2:30pm - 3:30pm the day of.

Registration was due December 13th.

Citizenship in Action

When: February 16 - 17, 2025

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1, 2025

Registration: [HERE!](#) \$225 w/ \$70 covered by 4-H Council

Registration is open and is due by Friday, January 24th. Check the [CIA event page](#) for more information. **Please let the office know ASAP if you plan to attend!**

2025 Greenwood County Fair Theme

The 122nd Greenwood County Fair is **July 25-28, 2025!** Each 4-H club is encouraged by the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation to be creative and submit a theme for the fair. Last year's theme appeared on fair t-shirts, the fair paper, newspaper advertisements, and on the radio. Entries are due to the Ext. office by Friday, February 7th. Below is a list of requirements to fit our graphic needs:

- **Black and White Only**
- **Digital Design (no hand drawn ideas)**
- **Size should be 8 inches x 8 inches**

Tips for New 4-H Members and Families

- ⇒ Check out the K-State Research & Extension-Greenwood County website at: www.greenwood.k-state.edu
- ⇒ Read the Greenwood County 4-H newsletter carefully (you can find it on the website listed above)
- ⇒ **Ask lots of questions!** Please don't hesitate to call the Extension office with questions, ask community and project leaders, and reach out to older, more established 4-H families (contact information for the Extension office is located on the website).
- ⇒ Attend every club meeting - explore county 4-H events during the entire year
- ⇒ Do just a few projects per member the first year of 4-H as you "learn while having fun"
- ⇒ Your 4-H Club Leaders and 4-H Agents are a great resource.

Standard for 4-H and FFA

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and

Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff, and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration, or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show, or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials, and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

YQCA Training



****Sign-up by logging into your YQCA account @ yqcaprogram.org and selecting your preferred session.**

Scholarships

Kansas 4-H Scholarship:

The online applications for the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship are available and due by March 1st. The process has been modified and changes will take effect for the 2025-26 scholarship application process. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly. The information you will need for this scholarship are available on the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Judy Wiggins Scholarship:

The Judy Wiggins Memorial scholarship application are due April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is on Friday, March 21st from noon to 5pm at Luthi's, 3673 Z Rd. Madison. Beef Tags are \$4.00

Market and breeding females will need to be tagged at spring weigh-in to be able to show at the Greenwood County Fair. If you have purebred animals that have registration papers they will not be required to be tagged, but you must turn in a copy of those registration papers to the Extension office by the spring weigh-in date. You may email them to Ben (benjam63@ksu.edu). All market beef must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

We are excited for another year of the Greenwood County Shooting Sports program. For those new to the program, it is **"REQUIRED"** that the 4-H'er attend a shooting sports safety meeting for 2 years to participate. All safety will be reviewed continually at individual practices. A minimum of 2 practices must also be attended to be eligible for the County Fair Shoots.

The date for the safety meetings will be released in the February 4-H Newsletter. Contact 4-H S/S Coordinator Annissa Boulanger with questions: fivebtribe@gmail.com or (620) 583-4100.

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council will be held on **Monday, January 20th at 7pm at the Courthouse.** Items to be on the agenda:

- ◆ Concessions at Flint Hills Classic
- ◆ Kansas Maid Fundraiser
- ◆ Upcoming Events

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 1st

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 5th

Cost: \$20/person by February 5th (\$25/person after February 5th)

* Registration must be RECEIVED by February 5th to receive a t-shirt

* Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 22nd

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 26th

Cost: \$20/person by February 26th (\$25/person after February 26th)

* Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26th to receive a t-shirt

* Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

****An instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. More details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be sent only to those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3.00/child fee. The junior day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.****

Entomology Project Meeting

I hope all of your families have a very blessed and Merry Christmas. We are going to focus on labels to go on the insects and identification at the January project meeting. It will be on Saturday, January 11th at the Allen County Extension Office. From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m I want to work with any of the 4-Hers that are changing from Option A to Option B. Then from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. we will work on ID and labels for everyone. If you have not gotten the labels template from me please bring a zip drive for me to transfer the template to. Please bring insects you need help identifying. If you are going to give a talk for 4-H Club Day, please bring it and practice at the meeting - it can be on any project. Remember, if the weather in our area is bad, check your emails to see if the meeting is called off. Please do not travel in bad weather for a project meeting. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

2025 4-H Exchange Host Families

Applications are now open. More info [HERE](#).

Leaders' Notes

- ⇒ **REMINDER!!!! All returning 4-H members must be enrolled by 4:30pm on Friday, January 3rd. Enrollments for returning members WILL NOT be accepted after this date/time!!!! Project drop/add due date will remain May 1st, as will new member enrollment.**
- ⇒ Junk-in-a-Bucket: Registration for “Junk-in-a-Bucket” was emailed to all currently enrolled members via a SignUp-Genius link on December 15th and is due by January 15th! A reminder will go out closer to the deadline. **Registration is limited to the first 50 signed up.**
- ⇒ Kansas 4-H Scholarships: For the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, the online applications are available at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Deadline to apply is March 1st!
- ⇒ Judy Wiggins Scholarship: Applications available at the Extension office and are due by April 1st!
- ⇒ 4-H County Club Day: County Club day will be Saturday, February 15th. Encourage members to make plans now! Entries will be made via SignUpGenius. Club leaders will receive an email with the sign up link on Wednesday, January 25th for the group events at club days (model meeting, gavel games and skits) due date to sign up group events will be Friday, January 31st at 4:30pm. **THIS LINK IS FOR CLUB LEADERS ONLY!** Another email containing links to sign up for individual presentations (show and share, demos, project talks, public speaking, video presentations, music, talent, dance, and job interviews) will be sent out Saturday, February 1st to all 4-H members. Registration will close Saturday, February 8th at 11:59pm. This email will include the schedule for group events that leaders signed up for, so members do not double schedule their activities. **Contests offered at Club Days this year will be Livestock, FCS, and Photography.**
- ⇒ 4-H Regional Days: Regional Club day will be Saturday, March 22nd at Madison High School.
- ⇒ Small Animal Weigh-In: This was moved to the weekend before FHC last year. Since that falls on Easter weekend this year, we will move back to the Saturday of FHC weekend. **ONLY FOR THIS CIRCUMSTANCE.** It will move back to the weekend before in 2026.



Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

As a resource for club leaders the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists have created a new online training resource: [“4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success.”](#)

This training includes 6 videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers can watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. We have also included a “4-H EZ Application Guide” that allows you to reflect on the videos and apply the information specifically to your 4-H Community Club.

This online training can be completed by an individual as volunteer development or with a group of youth and adult volunteers. The videos are set up so they could be completed all in one setting or divide them up, as needed, for a busy schedule.

Click on the heading of each section to go to the training videos. You'll first be asked to sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video, you'll be asked to reflect on something you have learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in strengthening your 4-H Community Club!

4-H Club Day Presentation Tips

General Thoughts

- ✿ Don't read your talk. Don't memorize, but do practice so you are familiar with it.
- ✿ Look at the audience and judge. This is a must for keeping their attention.
- ✿ Talk loud enough so people on the back row can hear you.
- ✿ Don't talk too fast. Make sure everyone can understand everything you say.
- ✿ Dress appropriately. Be sure you are well groomed and neat. Dress to fit your presentation.
- ✿ Good posture increases self confidence.
- ✿ Stand on two feet. Try not to rock back and forth.
- ✿ Charts should be easy to read – not crowded and cluttered.
- ✿ Place your charts in a place everyone can read.
- ✿ Remember to smile, smile, smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.
- ✿ Demonstrations and Illustrated talks – ask for questions. Project talks – do not ask for questions.

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

- ✿ Cover table with paper, table cloth, etc.
- ✿ Organize all your ingredients on a tray so that you can quickly move them from the supply table to the work area.
- ✿ Pre-measure ingredients or supplies.
- ✿ Clear empty containers from the work space as you finish with them.
- ✿ Make sure the electrical equipment works properly. Bring all supplies needed and equipment.
- ✿ Have examples of every step of the process. If something needs to dry for 5 minutes, have one already dry.
- ✿ Have “fill” information. Silence is not a good thing for a demonstration. Provide additional information about your topic – nutritional value, costs, origin of products, history of the subject, etc.
- ✿ Foods presentations: wear an apron, washable clothing and some device to keep hair in place.
- ✿ Use trays to help organize your supplies.
- ✿ Use clear containers so the audience can see what you are doing.

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- ✿ Use a damp cloth to wipe hands if doing foods demonstration or when using glue for crafts, etc.
- ✿ Cover name brands of products.
- ✿ Clear your work area before you show your finished product.
- ✿ Show your finished product with mirror.

Posters/Charts

- ✿ Serve as a guide to you.
- ✿ Add interest to the title, topic and ideas presented.
- ✿ Focus and hold audience attention.
- ✿ Emphasize key points.
- ✿ Show comparisons.
- ✿ Summarize main thoughts.
- ✿ Should be neat and attractive.
- ✿ Use upper and lower case letters. (all capitals are hard to read)
- ✿ Use block letters. Avoid script or broken letters.
- ✿ Letters should be at least 2" in height in order to be read from 20' away.
- ✿ Should be easily read. Don't clutter or crowd with too many words/ideas. Use bullets or outline style.
- ✿ Limit the number of colors used. Easy to read colors include:
 - ✓ Black on white
 - ✓ Green on white
 - ✓ Blue on white
 - ✓ Yellow on black
- ✿ Hard to read colors include:
 - ✓ White on red
 - ✓ White on orange
 - ✓ Red on yellow
 - ✓ Green on red
- ✿ Use color for emphasis, but don't use it on everything.
- ✿ Beware that fluorescent colors can be hard on the eyes.
- ✿ Do not mix color within words.
- ✿ Let color work for you, not against you!
- ✿ At least 3 posters – Title poster, steps/supplies and a summary.
- ✿ Use heavy weight poster board.



2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.



March 1



Tentative Schedule

- 8:00AM Registration Opens
- 9:00AM Welcome
- 9:15AM Project Selection
- 10:00AM Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Breakout Sessions
 - Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
- 3:00PM Wrap-up
- 3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)

Location
Stanley Stout Center



Registration

- ✓ \$20/person by February 5
- ✓ \$25/person after February 5
- ✓ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ✓ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- ✓ No refunds.
- ✓ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



Questions?

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Register By February 5

Limited Attendance



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K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY







3.22.25

Event

Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. **Registration is limited to 400 participants**, filled on a first come, first serve basis.

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-  \$25/person after February 26
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-  All attendees must register, including youth, parents, & adults.
-  No refunds
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Questions?

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Tentative Program

Friday, March 21

5:00-7:00PM *Optional Tour*
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Breakout Sessions

-Nutrition

-Facilities & Equipment

-Doe Management & Kidding

11:15AM Health & Wellness

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM Breakout Sessions

-Showmanship

-Reproduction

-Clipping & Grooming

3:15PM Wrap-up

3:30PM YQCA Training (*optional*)

4:00-6:00PM *Optional Tour*
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Register Online

[https://commerce.cashnet.com /
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By

February 26